DIVISION 0 – BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS SECTION 00100 - INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for construction of the <u>Deadman's Basin Terminal Outlet Replacement Project</u> will be received by the <u>Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation</u> (<u>DNRC</u>) at the <u>Fred Buck Conference Room of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 1424 9th Avenue, Helena, Montana, 59620-1601, Attention: Sanna Yost, PE until <u>3:00 p.m.</u> local time on <u>May 6, 2009</u>, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will not be accepted from prime BIDDERS who did not attend the **mandatory Pre-Bid Conference**. All interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening.</u>

The project consists of the rehabilitation of Deadman's Basin Dam. The Dam is located Wheatland County approximately twenty-two (22) miles east of Harlowton, Montana, and is owned by the DNRC and operated and maintained by the Deadman's Basin Water Users Association.

Bids shall be based on an extended lump-sum and unit price bases, and awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible, and qualified BIDDER as determined by DNRC. One contract will be awarded for the Work. Bidders shall bid on all items in the Price Schedule in the Bid Form.

The Project is to be substantially complete within <u>90 calendar days</u> from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

DNRC will hold a <u>mandatory</u> Pre-Bid Conference starting at 1:00 p.m. local time on <u>April 24</u>, <u>2009</u>, at the <u>Shawmut Café</u> in Shawmut, Montana. The Pre-Bid Conference will include a site visit to the Deadman's Basin Dam following the meeting.

Contract Documents consisting of half-size 11"x17" Drawings and Project Manual may be examined or obtained at the office of <u>DNRC Water Resources office at 1424 9th Avenue, Helena MT 59620-1601, Phone (406) 444-6646 in accordance with Article 2.01 of Instructions To Bidders. Required deposit is \$50.00 per set, which is not refundable. For information or questions regarding the project, please call <u>Sanna Yost, PE, Montana DNRC State Water</u> Projects Bureau at (406) 444-6665.</u>

In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations:

Bozeman Builders Exchange 1105 Reeves Road West, Suite 800 Bozeman, MT 59718 (406) 586-7653 Missoula Plans Exchange 201 N Russell Missoula, MT 59801 (406) 549-5002

Billings Builders Exchange 2050 Broadwater Avenue, Suite A Billings, MT 59102 (406) 652-1311 Butte Builders Exchange 305 W. Mercury Suite 410 Butte, MT 59701 (406) 782-5433 Great Falls Builders Exchange 202 2nd Avenue South Great Falls, MT 59405 (406) 453-2513 Northwest Montana Plans Exchange 2303 Highway 2 East Kalispell, MT 59901 (406) 755-5888

Montana Contractor's Association 1717 Eleventh Avenue P.O. Box 4519 Helena, MT 59604 (406) 442-4162

Contractors and any of the Contractor's subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 1728, Helena, Montana 59624. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 1-406-444-2840. Contractor is not required to have registered with the DLI prior to bidding on this project, but must have registered prior to execution of the Construction Agreement.

All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the state of Montana. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bid Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bids not accompanied by said Bid Security will be rejected. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance as required shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period of not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive, responsible and qualified Bidder which is in the best interest of the DNRC.

The Contractor is required to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

END OF SECTION 00100